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From The

Editor

For what it's worth, about two-thirds of the men presently confined at this institution, where I am now presently doing time, have served time before, either in this institution, or in another one just like it.

So, it would seem obvious that our present penal system achieves little reform, nor does it actually deter crime. You read about this daily, how our police agencies, state, local, and federal, inform us of the soaring crime rate across the United States, and what should they do about it. It has been proven in the past that longer sentences do nothing but, put a burden on the taxpayers'.

Some authorities have stated that more than \$530 million is spent each year to operate and maintain just the various state institutions for adults. And that another \$400 million will be spent to "improve"

and enlarge these state facilities by the end of 1975.

Blame for the failure of our penal facilities cannot be placed intirely on the authorities who administer them. For these people are doing a very difficult job in the best manner that they know how, acting as they are expected to act, by the legislature and the taxpayers' who control the purse strings - and the jobs. Many wardens and others in the correctional field, strive to effect changes and improvements, but their efforts are, all too often, slowed down, or hampered in one way or another, by an unenlightened public and by ineffectual, venal or ignorant legislatures.

Besides, there are those with vested interests in preventing any changes... For the penal business has grown to large proportions, handling large sums, providing many jobs and differ-

ing opportunities for profit.

Are the taxpayers' ready for a change? Or do you think that it would be more feasible to build larger penitentiaries, to house more and more inmates, at an ever increasing cost.

Most convicted criminals are herded into a huge cell block and each is assigned a cell, sometimes shared with others, where he is to wash, sleep and defecate.

Then he becomes a number, and in some instances, even his name is taken from him. He, himself, and his cell, his only home, are subject to search at anytime, on anyone's prerogative. A U. S. District Court has ruled that he has no right to privacy, and it is taken from him. He is never completely alone.

Yet, this man is always alone.

He is carefully watched, counted often, day and night, and generally held in suspension until he has served the magic number of days handed down by some judge; to be the exact number necessary for the erasure of his misdeed. Then, he is booted out into a society which has even less interest in him, than did the prison officials.

Consequently, when a convict is cut off from society, he lives for months,

and maybe for years, in an unnatural world where the only sex life possible is homosexual, where all the doors are locked; where may be your initiative is discouraged, where acceptable values have little relationship to the values that are acceptable in society outside of these walls.

Then, the public seems to feel that once the trial is over and the criminal is convicted and sentenced, imprisoned, that's the end of it. As Judge Warren E. Berger of the U.S. Court of Appeals said in an address at Ripon College, "Having found the accused guilty... we seem to lose interest in him. In all but a few states we imprison this defendant in a place where he will be a poorer person when he comes out than when he went in - a person with little or no concern for the law or his fellowman."

A recent survey in the federal prison showed that, "learning a trade or in other ways preparing for a better job opportunity outside the prison, was the first interest of most inmates at every prison studied." It is estimated that only 27% of all convicts in the U.S. are exposed to reform-oriented programs.

It has also been known for a long time, that most convicts have little money,

and not too much chance to earn any, or save it. In comparison with the federal prison system, where working on assigned tasks, a convict can earn \$31 a month and this is a huge sum in comparison with the \$4 average earned in our state prisons per month. There is no way that a man can help support his family, and in many cases, his wife will divorce him.

So, remember - there were about 90,000 convicted criminals, forgers, rapists, gunmen, burglars, and other offenders that were turned loose in your communities during this past year (1968). They were released from our state and federal prisons, (or institutions) some 55,000 of them on parole, and the rest on an outright discharge. Some of these men will find useful and productive places in this society of ours, while others, probably the majority, judging by past performen-

ces, will, sooner or later, return to crime, or the same old environment that got them in prison in the first place. Though the myth persists about a man serving time and paying his debt to society, "reform" should be the prime object of our penal system, though prison officials prefer to use the term "corrections" or "rehabilitation" all available information indicates that very little change for better occurs in men subjected to imprisonment.

Estimates of percentage of former convicts returned to prison for new offenses range from 40 to 70%. Accurate figures are hard to obtain, and there is not too much of this sort of information available.

Isn't it about time that society lend these released or soon-to-be-released convicts a hand.

CONVICTS ARE PEOPLE... ..

Did you ever stop to think about the value of numbers? The average American, has at least, "a social security number, a house number, a telephone number, (at least one) a clock number, a license number, and numerous other numbers to remember in everyday living. And now the State of Montana gave me a number to remember.....

"Grand COULEE" Shouted the Bishop when he hit his thumb with a hammer.

"Why Grand Coulee?" asked a friend.



Nightkeeper

Published weekly in The Spectator, inmate written and edited newspaper at Southern Michigan Prison, Nightkeeper's Report has been acclaimed the most widely printed prison feature in the Nation's 190 member Penal Press. Penned in neat Spenceeian script by Nightkeeper, John H. Purves in 1880's, the day-to-day reports chronicled occurrences within the dark and gloomy confines of the prison. Today the reports are dust laden, worn and fragile. But entries abound in a crisply written and entertaining report of night behind bars.

December 20 - For being short five dozen three-pronged forks (which is just six forks less than the entire task required) No. 1241, Jacobs, is down to appear before you for trial and mayhap further attention. Jacob's defense, as you will recall, is always - "I'm a businessman. Always work for myself. Can't get into the idea of working for anybody else." I respectfully feel that this time we earnestly try to adjust Jacob's manner of viewing his labor obligation while here.

December 21 - Clark, No. 1240, stands reported for laughing in his cell. Guffawing, as was the case this morning, when Guard Howells reported him for making similar noises while at his bench in the copper shop. The last time you dealt with this convict, the 48 hour fast imposed stopped him from laughing for quite a spell.

December 22 - A fight occurred between Fickens, No. 440 and Bresau, No. 840, as the convicts were lining up after "unlock." According to Keeper Bangs, Pickens hit Bresau in the face with his fist. The blow knocked Bresau down and then Fickens began kicking the feller man. Taken to the Hall Office, Bresau said, "This trouble has been brewing for two weeks. Other convicts started it with their agitation. Clark, No. 548, has been calling me abusive names for some time. I first reported him to the Keeper for it, but as that didn't stop him, I just called him those things right back. Quary, No. 868, treated me in a similiar manner. That Pickens started quarreling with me two weeks ago. He

has been trying to get me to fight but I refused. Last night he got tired of trying to provoke a fight and struck me with his fist." Dickens also made a statement. "It has been going on for a couple of weeks. Bresou tied my machine up once in the shop, just to annoy me. Because I objected he called me filthy names at every opportunity. As we were lining up for school tonight Bresou called me those names again. I love my mother, so I struck him, knocking him down. The keeper has heard Bresou call me this name, but I don't think he ever reported it." By order of the Deputy Warden, Dickens, No. 440, was taken to the West end of the West Wing and given six bats with a leather strap in the presence of the Physician. Bresou, No. 340, was taken to the West Wing also and given eight bats of a leather strap.

December 23 - The convicts could not have behaved themselves better than they have done all through the evening and night. They were quiet as demons in their cells except for No. 314. Guard Lister caught Gowajervon No. 314, crowing like a rooster. He didn't deny the charge. I found Waseckill trying to hang himself by a rope suspended from his top bars. I cut him down, but he was utterly defiant. "They're trying to make me go to school," he said. "But I'll break before I'll give in." Guard Struth accidentally let the key of East North second, fall and broke it. For some reason, the perversity of the inanimate things, I suppose, it would not weld and we shall have to procure a new one.

December 25 - Nothing has occurred worthy of mention this night, except what the Deputy Warden saw for himself: Guard Johnson was asleep at the gate. I think that the guard was so effectively frightened by waking up to find himself staring into the Deputy's face that he will never-more be caught asleep again.

December 26 - Except for a pair of untoward occurrences, the prison has been reasonably quiet during the night. Maloy showed an indication to be noisy during the early part of the evening, but a bucket of water scared him out. The only other disturbance was some calling by the convicts in the West Wing, caused by the moisture by the clanking of steam in the pipes.

December 28 - There was a little flurry of noise in West Wing early this evening. The racket was occasioned by Bob McKinney, No. 51, and others, calling to the guards to open the windows. He innuendoed and glibly said

were reported by the new guard, Williams, for doing some loud talking together. Both convicts owned up to their guilt. By order of the Deputy both McKinney and Meyers were sentenced to wear the iron cap for a period of three days as punishment.

December 29 - This evening Keeper Bangs reports McCarthy, No. 1009, and Ryan, No. 1030, for talking from cell to cell. Both convicts were lying on the floor of their cells, with their faces up against the bars of their doors, jabbering away like a pair of magpies. They admitted their guilt, stating that it gets damn lonesome being cooped up in a cell with nobody to talk to.



Blood, Blood and more Blood

By A.F. Charlo



The smiling nurses and waiting doctor were anxious to see the boys as they filed into the Clark Theatre to each give a pint of precious blood. One by one, the fellows passed their exams and rolled up their sleeves to donate. Some were rejected but for a good reason. Nevertheless the volunteers here at the MSP gave a great volume of blood.

On January 7, 8, 9th of 1969, the statistics for the three days of blood drawing were as follows: From the inmate population of 461, there were 78.5% volunteers. The blood donors from the volunteers were 96.5%.

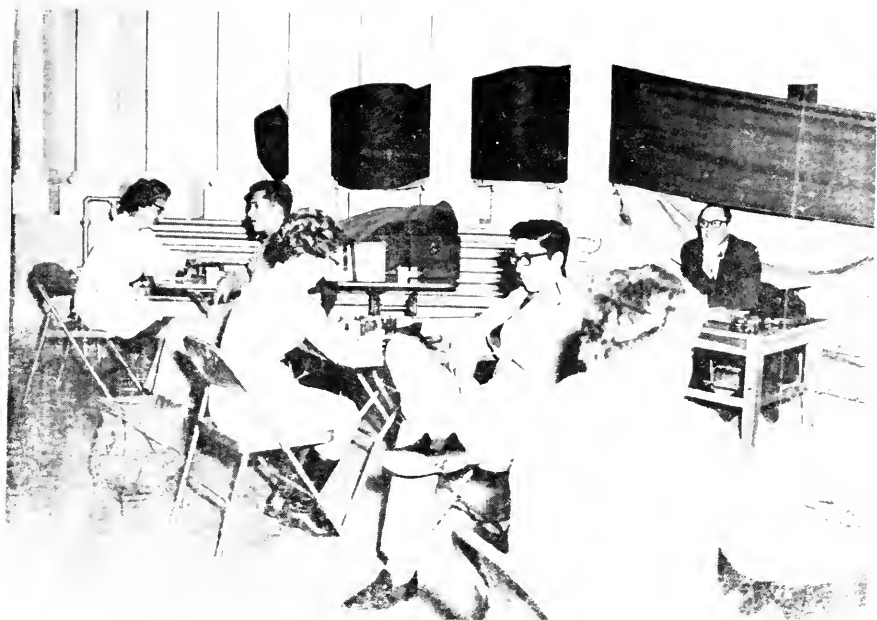
Regardless if a couple of blood donors went down for a second count, they came off of the floor in fine shape-willing to donate another pint of blood.

As always, the staff of the Blood Mobile extends their sincere thanks to those who did an excellent job at the blood drawing, and to those who have donated life to someone else.

You volunteers can put your shirts on now, but be alert when the Blood Mobile asks for your next blood donation.



...to be, it's not five their all. "Here, let me help
you up. Three int. is really a bit too much, you know."



ISP inmates prepare to give blood. "Have you ever had Polysirethesia? How about tired blood Sign here."



"May I take your pulse? Oh Dear! Either You're dead or my watch stopped."

Food Service *by Mutt*

One of the most important spots in this prison, or for that matter, any other prison, of course, is the Food Service Department. To put it this way; it's quite surprising how so few of the men in here actually know what is going on over there in the messhall. In here it is just about like going to a cafeteria -(sic)- the food is served to you, you take what you want and don't want, there is a big sign over the coffee urn which reads: Take what you want but eat what you take). You go to your table and eat, when you get up, leave your tray, but take your sidearms (silverware) and toss them in a pot as you leave the messhall. And that's all there is to it. So you think!

What so very few of us realize and for the most part, take for granted, is the men who work from 12 to 14 hours a day preparing our meals for us. These inmates work long hard hours and are doing a very fine job, with what they have to work with.

Then you say the only complaint you have, is not getting seconds on certain items. Well, "sufferin catfish" don't take it out on the cooks and waiters! These menus are made out a week or so in advance and the Steward, Mr. Best, and the head cook go over this menu to see that it is right. They take the number of men (usually a few head over), do a little multiplying, calculate by the moon, cops! getting carried away again.) and put it on a master sheet showing the portion allowed each inmate. If they were to give seconds on every item on the line, there wouldn't be any "chuck" left by the end of the week. But unfortunately, we don't have an unlimited budget, and we must go along with the program set down by the state. So I say they are doing a "bang up" job with what they have to dish out.

Well, I'll never smile again! "You say you would like to be a cook?" Can't tell, you might be a real "cool cat" when it comes to flippin' dem thar saddle blankets (hot cakes), so why not give it a try, huh? It's actually easy here. The usual routine is when a new inmate is assigned a job the first place he comes in contact with is the Food Service Department. He is usually put to work in the dining room as a waiter. If he desires

to be a cook, he is then interviewed. He will eventually, when the openings occur, be put to work in the kitchen. After serving as a waiter, he moves to food runner, to cook's helper, and as openings open up, to fry cook, second cook, to first cook or dinner cook. During the early stages of his "career" he will learn many of the basics, and his training will increase just about to the same proportion as his ambition. Speaking from experience, these cooks and bakers are very willing to teach new-comers if their interest is strong.

These guys' on both shifts deserve our thanks because they put their heart into their work. With what they have to work with - they are doing a mighty fine job.

So I'll end this with a little quote from Ralph Waldo Emerson: "The reward of a thing well done, is to have done it."
(mutt)

Strangely enough, spare the rod and you get a beat generation.

EDITOR'S NOTE: This poem was sent into Dave Stoddard by his wife, and he doesn't know if she wrote it or not. It makes a lot of sense; so here goes!

The Many Gifts of Life

by Mrs. Dave Stoddard

SOMETIME THE SMALLEST THINGS IN LIFE CAN GIVE THE GREATEST LIFT.

WHEN SPIRITS ARE AT THE LOWEST EBB AND HOPES ARE SET ADRIFT

AN UNEXPECTED SMILE OR NOD FROM STRANGERS PASSING BY
THE SUDDEN BURST OF SUNSHINE BREAKING THROUGH A CLOUDY SKY.

A YOUNGSTERS TRUSTING HAND THAT CLINGS SO TIGHTLY TO YOUR OWN

SOME LOVELY FLOWERS GROWING TALL WHERE TINY SEED WERE SOWN

FOR ALL THESE LITTLE THINGS ADD UP AND HELP US TO BELIEVE

THAT LIFE HAS MANY GIFTS TO GIVE IF WE WILL BUT RECEIVE.

Band Hi-Lites

Jim Spurlock

Just a few lines to fill everyone in on all the happenings over in the band corner the past month or so.

With Christmas just passing and a New Year starting, everyone is getting back to the routine of making music after the Holidays.

There is a fresh class of potential musicians in the music school. With the six weeks of basic music, theory, chord struction, etc., anyone participating can go on to pick and learn their instruments and should be playing soon with a little work and interest.

We're still looking for the "badly needed" horn men. Anyone who plays and wishes to get in the band need only to send Mr. Sewell, Band Director an interview and you will be given an audition.

Additional equipment to the band is a brand new Hammond organ that originally cost \$2,700.00 and will give the band effects from bells to a banjo. Now all that is needed is for "Indio" Carlson to get back and show us how it's done.

Mr. Sewell is working on having a two and a half hour show put on by some of the nations top country and western artists for the inmate population. We hope this will be in the near future. Some of the artists that will be in this show are Johnny Cash, June Carter, Carl Perkins, and the Sattler Brothers. We're all hoping that this show will come through as it will be a first for the Lonetana State Prison and should be a real crowd pleaser.

For Christmas, some of the band members' turned out to play for the Catholic Mid-Night Mass. Those participating were John "Indio" Carlson, organ; Lee DuBois, steel guitar; Butch Queen, standard guitar; Jim Spurlock, rythm; and Garry Palmer on the drums. This was the first time that a Mass has been held with a string accompliment inside the prison.

The New Year saw John Parks and Monnie Eskildsen back in the band after a "try out" with the drifters. Glad you back fellows!

That's about all for this month, so until next time... keep tuned.....(jim)

Muscle men

Byron Gallagher

Tri-Bombing method in Weight-Lifting. As advocated by Dave Draper, Mr. America and Mr. Universe.

I got some literature from Dave Draper and the following is an account of modern training methods for making weight-lifting gains.

This may not be new to many men here at Deer Lodge, for presently and in the past, there have been, and are men in every weight classification that have equaled or broken Montana A.A.U. records.

Basically, tri-bombing is adjusting the angle of attack in relation to barbell on the muscle. The scientific lifts specifically designed to strain, brake-down and build muscles are; the presses and others which are just variations. A wide, narrow, and medium grip are used in succession to enlarge and strengthen the basic muscle groups.

Dave Draper, uses Hi-Pro in his training and considers excess over weight or excess underweight the product of laziness and poor dietary habits. He has a distain for each of them.

The J.C.'s want to get Hi-Pro and a sports library for the inmates and I hope it is soon.

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A little five-year-old in kindergarten walked up to the teacher's desk and asked to be excused and for directions to the Little Boy's Room. The teacher detailed how to get there to the youngster, after which he went on his merry way.

A few minutes, the boy returned and announced that he couldn't find it.

Again the teacher explained how to get to his destination. Again the little feller left, only to return a few minutes later to repeat that he, "...couldn't find it."

This time, the teacher detailed one of the older boys to go with him so he wouldn't get lost.

Five minutes later the two boys returned and the older went to the teacher and told her, "We found it this time. He had his pants on backwards."—About Face Columbia S.C.

Waiting Dave Stoddard

The life of a convict is a lonely one.
There is nothing to do to really have fun.
He sits and waits for the bell to ring,
Because he knows it means doing something.
And at night when the guard passes mail out,
And walks by his cell and leaves him without
He sets and he worries about his people back home,
The ones that left him setting in his cell all alone.
He begins to wonder why they don't take the time
To set themselves down and write him a line.
Both he and I know why they don't do this.
It is because we are convicts that no one will miss.
But still he doesn't give up hope that soon someone will
write,
He continues to wait every day and night.



"Look at it this way — we're all 'IN' people!"

TO A "GIVER" FROM A "TAKER"

from U.S. News & World Report

(A professional soldier-who prefers to remain anonymous-sends in from an Army base the Satirical letter printed below. He says that theoretically he received it from someone with "modern" ideas of what is expected from a "giver." He wonders, however, how many people actually are accepting today the philosophy of "I. Will Take," the hypothetical signer of the communication.

Dear Mr. U.S. Giver:

In order to identify myself, I must say that I cannot be recognized by my race or nationality. I may not even be an American, but I can be recognized by my social philosophy.

I feel the world owes me a living. I believe that I am unique and should have priority over others. I believe I should have a high standard of living, regardless of my ability or willingness to work. Finally, I consume more than I produce, and I hold that it is your duty to sustain me and that it is one of my most basic rights to be sustained.

Now that we are identified, I want to tell you that you are the root of the conflict in our society today. You think that something may be wrong when an industry is required to pay employees out of proportion to what they produce, or even pay them for not working. You feel a little uneasy when the nation's railroads are forced to hire employees they do not want or need. You can't believe that people are serious when they ask for a guaranteed income or a negative income tax.

I implore you to stop thinking about these and similar things, as your thoughts give rise to unrest and unhappiness. You must realize that it is your duty to give.

You must give of your time and wealth in order that I may live. It is through your earning power and, in turn, your sacrifice that I can obtain the bounty of our civilization. Think of the honor that is yours when you can say, "I have given." In order to glorify you, perhaps I will devise a sticker for your car or a plaque for your home, so all may know you are discharging your obligations to mankind.

Do you say you don't want to give? Don't be unreasonable and resist. It would be in vain. All levels of government have the legal and moral right to force you to give through taxation. The governments will, in turn, insure that I get my share of your wealth. Even though this system has been in effect for years, I am not satisfied with the progress that is being made. Your wealth has not been adequately distributed--you still have much more than I. Consequently, I must turn to a more exposed and honest method of obtaining the wealth to which I am entitled.

I will simply take my share by force. Violence and force are my means of expressing my indignation over receiving less than I deserve. Oh, you may have some pangs of regret when your home or business is robbed. You may feel some imposition when your cities are burned. You may be inconvenienced when unruly and unjustifiable strikes disrupt your community. Don't you know you are responsible, because you believe your wealth and your property are really yours? Not so! I have no property--therefore, I have a just claim to a part of yours.

Do not allow me to mislead you. Equality of wealth is not my goal. For if we had equal wealth, I would have but little claim to your possession. I will be enraged if you allow this to happen. It is your duty to work harder, produce more and sacrifice more, so that my standard of living may become higher and higher.

Stop going against your conscience. Stop resisting and allow me to be sustained in accordance with what I deserve, thereby alleviating the strikes, riots, and uneasiness in this nation.

Forever yours,

I. Will Take

DEATH PENALTY RESTORED

When Delaware was trying to decide whether to restore the death penalty one of the strongest voices in favor of the move was a Wilmington detective sergeant.

As one who had done police work for 20 years, he proclaimed that the death penalty puts fear into the hearts of would be murderers and deters them from killing.

His voice was heeded, legal execution was put back into the laws of Delaware. Ten days later the sergeant killed his wife.

THE UNBALANCED SCALE:

Via The Insider

In my opinion it is a way of life that has been forced upon so-called outcasts of society, "the criminal", for no longer does the innocence until proven guilty status prevail. For that matter, it has never really existed. Those who cry loudest to stop crime are the actual breeders of their own laws; in fact, they themselves, have created a monster.

As to just what they have done, perhaps by accident, was to bring about the informer. As I see it, the informer is the same individual who has just committed a crime with a confederate or keeps a listening ear for other crimes to later benefit himself, who cannot afford to face the consequences and turns his partner in to the police to save himself.

He may eventually be tried only to the deal that has been prearranged. He wear the crown and those informed upon by his trickery end up getting the time. The informer remains free to roam until he can prey on his next victim.

Thus, many of his petty crimes and even some of his serious ones are passed by, solely because he is willing to cooperate; he is the informer.

This is great miscarriage of justice. In fact, it is one of the many that presently exist within our society today. When this practice is stopped, the scales of justice will tip a little more towards an even keel; but as long as the informer is permitted to go unpunished for his crimes, while being a confessed thief, no one is secure because he will even-

tually involve the innocent to protect his own weakness. What brought about this weakness?

Many reasons contribute to it; coercion, promises, inducement, threats, and finally the "big deal". This is where it all starts and has to stop. And of course, it is the easy way out.

These are the informers who commit some of the most savage crimes imaginable only to escape the noose by having the ability to make a deal, such as, "Tell us who was involved and we will help you out of this."

He will not be punished severely; in most cases a light sentence is imposed (if any at all) and in a great many cases he is freed while those less fortunate, the co-defendants, get terms of convictions that are sometimes unheard of in modern times.

In spite of this, society tolerates their crimes because they lend themselves to send other accused persons to prison for the same crime that they themselves have committed.

Courts themselves entice informers to associate with criminals in order that they might trap the chief suspect. This is known as entrapment.

Our concern is not that the guilty should go free or unpunished, but that all should be punished equally. Take this license away from the informer; make him pay the ultimate price for his participation in these crimes and then he is lost. He cannot operate. Then and only then will we be in the right direction towards slowing down crime and hopefully ending it.

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IN A CRYSTAL VASE

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The Naked Gunner*

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March 9, 1969

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The Loved One

Jonathan Winters, Robert Moore, Sir John Gielgud.

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Ring of Fire

David Jenssen, Joyce Taylor Frank Gorshin

March 15, 1969

The Tin Star

Henry Fonda, Anthony Perkins, Betsy Palmer, Michael Ray.

March 22, 1969

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March 29, 1969

White Feather

Robert Wagner, Hohn Lund, Debra Pager, Jeffery Hunter Noah Berry, Hugh O'Brian



Senate Bill No. 161



INTRODUCED BY HIBBARD

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PRE-RELEASE CENTER FOR INMATES OF THE STATE PRISON ABOUT TO BE PAROLED OR DISCHARGED: PROVIDING FOR THE ADMINISTRATION, LOCATION AND PROGRAM OF SUCH MATTER."

Be it enacted by the Legislative assembly of the State of Montana:

Section 1. The Department of Institutions shall establish and administer a pre-release center. This shall have as its purpose the preparation of those inmates of The Montana State Prison who are about to be released from custody, either on parole or by discharge, for return to responsible citizenship.

The Department shall by rule and regulation provide for the operation and program of such center.

Section 2. The center shall be established at the Montana National Guard Camp near Helena, Montana, using the National Guard facilities located there. The center shall be under the supervision and control of the department of Institutions and the Montana National Guard cooperate with each other to the end that the pre-release center may be established using Guard Facilities there, but such center should not be established or operated in such a manner as to interfere with the proper use of such facilities by the National Guard.

Section 3. This bill will be effective upon passage and approval.

House Bill No. 72

INTRODUCED BY CASHMORE, LOBLE

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A PRISONER FULFILLMENT PROGRAM, UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE WARDEN OF THE STATE PRISON WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE MONTANA BOARD OF PARDONS FOR SELECTED PRISONERS SERVING SENTENCES WITHIN THE STATE PRISON."

Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Montana:

Section 1. (Purpose and intent) The purpose and intent of this act is to establish a program for the rehabilitation, education, and betterment of selected prisoners confined in the state prison; to increase their responsibility to society; to make it possible that they may, while serving their sentences, work gainfully to support their dependents in whole or in part; continue their education or training; and at the same time fulfill the obligation of the sentence of imprisonment imposed; placing the establishment, regulation, guidance, and control of such program under the direction of the warden of the state prison with the advice and consent of the state board of pardons, which program shall operate by supplementing and not replacing established penal procedures now or hereafter established by law. This act is not to be liberally construed to affect the overall objectives set forth above

Section 2. As used in this act, unless the context indicates otherwise;

(1) "Board" means the state board of pardons;

(2) "State Prison" means the Montana State Prison at Deer Lodge;

(3) "Prisoner" means a person sentenced by a district court to a term of confinement in the state prison.

(4) "Sheriff" means any county sheriff including all deputies or other persons working under his direction or guidance;

(5) "Jail" means any county jail;

(6) "Warden" means the superintendent of the state prison appointed by the board of institutions.

Section 3. The warden is authorized and directed to establish a furlough program and rules to implement and control the same. A prisoner sentenced to the state prison may be granted the privilege of:

(1) working at paid employment, or

(2) Participating in an educational or training program.

Section 4. Any prisoner confined in the state prison may make application to participate in the furlough program according to rule adopted by the warden with the advice and consent of the board.

Section 5. (1) The board shall approve or deny the application of the prisoner after careful study of the prisoner's conduct, attitude and behavior in the prison in which the prisoner is confined, his criminal history, and all other pertinent case material.

(2) If the application is approved, the warden shall adopt a furlough plan for the prisoner, which shall constitute an extension of the limits of confinement.

(3) No prisoner shall be released without the written consent of the sheriff of the county receiving the prisoner.

(4) The warden may revoke the privilege of continuing in the furlough program whenever he shall believe it necessary to do so. The warden shall report such action to the board.

Section 6. (1) A prisoner employed in the community under a work furlough plan shall surrender to the sheriff his total earnings less payroll deductions required by law. The sheriff shall deduct from such earning in the following order of priority:

(a) An amount determined to be the cost to the county of providing food, lodging and clothing for such prisoner;

(b) the actual and necessary travel and other expenses of such prisoner under furlough from actual confinement under the program; and

(c) such amount as the prisoner may be legally obligated to pay for the support of his dependents, which amount shall be paid to such dependents through the local departments of welfare in the county in which the dependents reside; and

(d) a minimal allowance for personal items.

(2) Any balance remaining after such deductions are

payments shall be credited to the prisoner's account and shall be paid to him upon release.

(3) The above costs of a prisoner under furlough who is in training or school shall be the responsibility of the state.

Section 7. The warden is authorized to make rules for the administration of the provision of this act with the advice and consent of the board.

(2) All state agencies shall cooperate with the warden and sheriff in the administration of the furlough program.

Section 8. No prisoner employed in the community under the provisions of this act shall be deemed to be an agent, employee, or involuntary servant of the warden or sheriff while released from confinement pursuant to the terms of the furlough program.

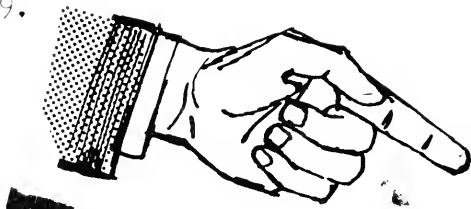
Section 9. Nothing in this act shall be construed to affect eligibility for parole. Time served in the furlough program shall be considered as part of the imposed sentence of such prisoner.

Section 10. (1) The sheriff of the county to which the prisoner has been released shall be responsible for the activities of the prisoner according to the rules approved by the board. The sheriff shall keep the warden informed.

If any prisoner released from actual prison confinement under the furlough program shall fail to comply with the rules and regulations of the furlough program, such furlough shall be cancelled and such prisoner shall be returned to prison to complete his sentence.

Section 11. All acts or part so acts which conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 12. This act shall be come effective July 11, 1969.



NOTICE!

As of this date, there will be no more type-written letters or typed envelopes allowed. This Notice applies to every inmate. There will be no exceptions to this rule. The reason behind this is obvious.....FOUGLHY.....

From The

Warden's Office

In this particular issue of the MP News there are several articles covering parole, discharge, percentage of new offenses, percentage of recidivism, etc.

The number of first offenders and the number of multiple offenders is about equal or 50% of each. This average is about the same throughout the United States. If the growth in prison population would be on a par with the growth in the population of the United States, this could mean that 50% of the people paroled or discharged would never return to prison.

This does not seem to be the case, however. Since 1960 crimes committed have increased almost 60% and prison populations have decreased.

An interesting article in "The National Observer" last week pointed out that Washington, D.C. is not only our Nation's Capital but also the crime capital of the United States. In January there were 700 armed robberies including 19 bank stickups. It was found that some of the people arrested were out on bail and had committed as many as seven additional offenses while awaiting trial on the first offense.

Congress authorized the District of Columbia to hire an additional 1000 police officers.

It was found that 8 1/3 of those charged in Washington, D.C. averaged eight months before being brought to trial--50% were not brought to trial within a year.

It was suggested that bail be refused on assaultive crimes, but this was found to be unconstitutional.

At the present time there is a complete reorganization of the Washington, D.C. court system in the making.

EE/mm

Ed Ellsworth, Jr., Warden

Kitty Korner

Hi!o You Guys!

I s'pose I'm late again. But then I rarely get in moods to write. "When I do, Look out!" Only kidding of course.

So, what's the latest juicy gossip over your way? Now, don't inform that you "men" don't gossip. Then if you don't, you don't know what you're missing.(Hah!)

Over here, we have two new girls, "Pat (No! not Pat G.) another one. She's also our new cook and bottle washer. As they call 'em, swell cook, Doris, Hey you're ruining our diets. Oh! I meant to speak for myself, Girls.

"Alycia" Nuts C. trying out her talent as the new "automatic package wrapper" also, trying her darndest to keep the office clean. And "Alycia" howz cum you keep hittin' yourself with the vacuum hose? Keeping your hide "tuff." You say, misses the good ole' Hawaiian punch. Would you believe a fat lip "Smile!" How does that grab ya, Pat. Alycia, don't ya just luv the way I pop my gum? Let's have that big ole' "Crest" smile. As I mentioned before, our friend Irma here (Alycia) being the new package wrapper still gettin' her Zip codes mixed up. But I guess, the mail will eventually get out, would believe a month later? Hey! don't get shook, you guys, I was only kidding about your mail. Anyway, Alycia still looking for the zip code for Canada.

"Bubbles" with the Phoebe smile, has gone back to her washin' bit - you're not gonna start that "washin' and waitin' stunt again, are you, Eubs?

The "Man" with the camera - you're kind of a Traitor, I meant the WQ, (not me) Alycia posin', where did you say your fans were?

I guess, it seems to be "cryin' time" every Sunday. (Movie time) She's gonna flood us out yet. That Alycia

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Hi Friends

From The

OLD BUZZARD'S ROOST



Helluuu Der! The last issue was a little late, but you know; that's the way the ball bounces. But it wasn't our fault! We run out of photographic masters, and they were ordered a long time ago....Well anyway, you can't win them all. Try it some time....One thing after the tother - so goes the news.....You know it was the great American, Will Rodgers who once said: "What America needs is dirtier fingernails and cleaner minds."....How bcot' that fellas'....And then bless ma soul, in Tulas, Okla., sheriffs' duputies watched a drunken pig lurch down the street and followed it straight to the drain-pipe of a still....Napee said when he was in Texas, it was so hot it was 130 in the shade - but he was smart - -he stayed in the sun....And did you know that the longest jump record for a flea was 13 inches, set by a California rodent flea in 1910. (No wise cracks, I'n not that old. But Napee was thar.) And the highest record is 7 inches. There are 1,750 varieties of fleas. Jest thought you'd like to know....No kiddin'! What we have here is - failure to communicate....And then it was so hot down in Texas, with the rivers drying yp an all, the fish were spitting at each other to keep alive....I know what the idealists say about it, but it remains a cold hard fact: One of the biggest things you'll take home with you when you are released, is that pretty little ole' x on your back. It doesn't mean the end of the world, but it may seem like it. That little ole' invisible x has a way of showing up in the darnest places - --like when you need a job....Napee said it was so quite in his cell the ohter night he spent the evening lassoing meatballs with spaghetti....A man is getting pretty darn old, when he scans the menu without first looking at the waitress....And then that poor Napee got wrote up for whistling a dirty song....Ch! yea; one of the best ways to get rid of that little ole x you're wearing is through EDUCATION - Grade School, High School, College and up, and up....Cold - you better believe it. The guy that cells next to me had his false teeth in a glass,

and they chattered all night. And it was only 30 below.
....And then the Government wanted to make-up for the way they treated our pitiful ole' Napee, so they offered him the job of President of the United States. He refused though - no chance for advancement....And then there's Stretch (Brittingham) still waiting to be discovered....I've always wondered why- there are always a couple dozen radio stations on my earphones, everytime I pick them up....You don't have to believe this if you don't wanna! But, did you know, that our Napee came from a famous family. His brother is so famous everyone who sees him takes off their hats. He's a barber. ha ha....EDUCATION is something to think about while you're here. I'm not saying you'll get rich in here, but you can make it on the outside. And that girl of your dreams -who you'd rob a bank for - you know, you won't have to rob a bank, Man; educate yourself - it's available. So think it over - HAVEN'T you did enough TIME?....It was rumored again, that that "ole' man" was going to start playing basketball again. A fella by the name of "Big Van" (Van Nuland) has been waiting to get even with this hook shot artist....Napee's other brother is dead now. He was a missionary who was eaten by the cannibals. I suppose you could say he gave them their first taste of religion, yak, yak....You know it is a safe bet to say; that every man here will be walking out of gate 7 one of these days. It will be nice to get back on those streets again - but it won't be easy....Napee said he once bought a used car- but he didn't know what it was used for....America is the only country in the world where men get together and talk about hard times over a &7 Steak.....Agent double-ought-seven and seven-eights-- (Henderson)(Ooops! I understand he got demoted to just plain ole' Double Ought.) Tapping out a tune on the ole typewriter....Started off New Year's Day real cool like - the radio was turned off at six o'clock in the evening...Kinda makes a guy wonder....According to ole' Napee's definition, all dandruff is - is hair pollution. ...The popcorn machine back in operation. Costs some inmates a days pay for a bag....And then that dizzy old Napee, said the first thing he's gonna do when he gets outta here, is to jump on his trusty ole pinto and kick in the first saloon door he comes to; and say - here's mud in your eye." These western movies are affecting him drastically....An opportunist is a girl who finds

the wolf at the door in the evening, and comes out the next morning with a fur coat....These new heaters that we now have in the cell block, sure make a difference, huh!....Napee said he woke up one morning back on the ole' "res" and looked out the window, and lo and behold! Thar, was his prize puppy-dog - frozen, solid to one of his lodgepoles, hee hee.....Anyone seen the "fummin" human lately....Agent, you know-what (Fuller) rockin' an rollin' with the new multilith...Napee sez that he knows a broad that can drink so much, that the only thing that would make her light-headed, is peroxide....Overheard in the messhall: I wonder who that guy's barber is? He was not referring to an inmate, either....What is an optimist Nap? "An optimist is a man who thinks he can make it in par."....Dem thar hamburgers were sure scrumptious, fellas'. Good thinking - I mean good cookin'....Anyone notice the new chief - oops! sorry about that - I mean new Chef over in the messhall. This dat-glamed typewriter just don't want to spell right....My friend Cliff "White Cow told me there would be days like this - but he didn't say there would be so darn many. What's this I hear about a Saturn 5 that you have behind the messhall. Anything to this, Buddy....Hello dar, you kitties across the street! Missed the deadline again, didn't you? Well, shame on you!! Like, Napee's ole' mammy, (I almost said nan y use to say: "you can't win them all.. ..There will be no more subscriptions to the Holiday Magazine. Those inmates who have subscriptions to this magazine will not be able to have said magazine, but it will be put in your personal jacket and given to you upon release....Remember the deadline for articles is the 15th of each month - and keep your "cool" and walk real slow - and drink lots of water -and by golly you'll make it - maybe....The Editor just got through getting his seventh flop in a row - how does that grab you....Lagerquist saying: "Let your fingers do the walking." And he did! Ouch!....The January Parole Board went like this: Thirty-six (36) went up to face the consequences, and this includes four (4) Parole Violators - Twelve (12) were paroled to job plans or detainers, the rest twenty-four (24) were denied paroles. Nine (9) went up for reconsideration, and not a one made it....I hold the record for appearances before the parole board. Say like seven times.....Before I cut out, I'll leave you with this little wor: Keep smiling - it makes everyone wonder what in the dickens you are up to.....(Mutt)

HAR & THAR

Mutt

JAIL NO EARLIER

St. Joseph, Mo. (AP) -Letters are being carried from the county jail to the main post office and back to the county jail as a result of the friendship that has blossomed between a man and a woman in jail.

Sheriff C.A. Jenkins said that each letter is censored, stamped, and handled like regular mail. The postman picks it up and then delivers it back to the jail.

TASTE TEST

MILTON-FREEWATER, Ore. (AP) -A food store complained to police that small children were not only taking lollipops but "licking some of them and putting them back."

THIS JOKE IS WILD

DEDHAM, Mass. (PP) -Police in West Berlin are hunting for a wise guy counterfeiter whose phony 100 mark (\$25.00) and 50 mark (\$12.50) notes are of very high quality except for the small print that warns against forgery.

On the counterfeit bills, the message reads: "Whoever forges bank notes, must above all not be caught, Ha ha."

-The Insider

EX-CONVICTS CAN BE TRUSTED

FALLINGB, Wyo. (PP) -According to figures released by the National Council on Crime and Delinquency, 80% of all convicted persons can be trusted to remain in society without committing new crimes, if adequate probation services are available for pre-sentence screening and for intensive supervision of rare cases. -The Best Scene

INCOME TAX ON LOOT

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. (PP) -"I was convicted of embezzling \$15,000 from my former employer," read a letter to the Internal Revenue Service from an inmate of Holmestburg Prison. "Do I have to pay taxes on that money?"

James Coll of the IRS answered: Yes, his illegal gains are taxable.

The prisoner's former employer even sent the inmate a form listing "monies received," by him in 1965, including the embezzled funds.

BREAD FOR "BREAD"

MANSFIELD, Ohio -A would-be robber tried to hold up a bank employee with what the robber called a bomb.

The employee didn't believe the man and called Police.

When the police arrived they found the alleged bomb contained a loaf of bread and three bananas.

\$1 MILLION PRISON STUDY

JACKSON, Mich. (PP) -A \$97,000 grant for a comprehensive report on the American prison system to be made under the auspices of George Washington University's Institute of Law, Psychiatry and Criminology, was announced recently by the Ford Foundation.

What is anticipated as the most Comprehensive report to date on the prison system is to be made by Ronald L. Goldfarb, attorney and author, who has served as a special prosecutor in the Justice Department and research director of the Twentieth Century Fund.

The system of Corrections, is the last page in the criminal law process, the foundation noted, but little attention has been paid the problems of the prison administration.

Areas to be investigated will include legal policies, pertaining to sentencing and correction, architectural prototypes or prison environments, and physiological and psychological studies of the effects of isolation, overcrowding and other prison conditions. -The Spectator

MASTER KEYS BANNED - TO HELP CURB CAR THEFTS

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (PP) -The house has moved to cut automobile thefts by passing and sending to the Senate a bill to prevent indiscriminate mailing of master keys designed to open more than one car.

Action came by voice vote. The bill would permit mailing of master keys only to such authorized users as locksmiths, government officials, car dealers, parking lot operators, and automobile clubs or associations.

It is aimed at mail-order sale of keys which authorities said are being used to steal cars. Some 650,000 were stolen in the U.S. last year. -The Jefftown Journal

WASHINGTON (AP) -More convicts were on death row in American prisons last year than at any time since, 1953, but only two men were executed, the Bureau of Prisons reports.

In its annual report on Capitol Punishment, the bureau said 435 persons were under sentence of death during 1967. This was the highest number on record, and double the 1960 figure.

Two murderers went to the gas chamber last year - one in California and the other in Colorado. Only one person was executed in 1966

Of the 435 death row prisoners last year, 82.1% are sentenced for murder; 14.9% for rape, and 3% for other

offenses, including kidnapping. (Kentucky State Penitentiary now has 12 men on Death Row.)

PHILADELPHIA (UPI) -The American Bar Association (ABA) wants to tailor the sentence of a criminal to fit his individual circumstances.

It proposed maximum five year sentences for most offenses.

The ABA's house of delegates, which makes policy for the 132,000 member organization of professors, adopted a report aimed at streamlining the present hodge-podge of state sentencing laws.

The report recommended five-year sentences as the..... maximum for all but the most serious crimes on the theory that a person is reformed more successfully when out among his fellowmen than when insulated from society. It opposes designation of sentences by a jury, except perhaps in capital cases.

The delegates rejected a part of report which would have empowered the judge to comment on the evidence and the law.

ASKED JAS ENTLAS BY IN - Trick or Party?
CENTRALI, Ill -Police officers carrying shotguns and rifles surrounded the First State Bank of Centrali shortly before 3:P.M. October 27 after receiving a report that a man carrying a gun and wearing a mask had entered the bank.

Although the bank was closed, police were taking no chances. Three Centralia police cars, a Macomb police car and a car from the Marion County and Clinton County Sheriff's offices were dispatched to the scene.

As most of the officers took up positions around the bank with shotguns and semipautomatic rifles, two police entered the building through an opened front door.

In the basement they found a strange collection of unusual looking people, including the masked gunman.

The startled group quickly told police what was going on.

A Sunday school class from the First Christian Church was holding a Halloween party in the hospitality room of the bank.

Somewhat red-faced, policemen returned to patrols while a shaken Sunday school class continued its party.

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LETTERS to the Editor

The M.P. News

Box 7

Deer Lodge, Montana 59 722

January 30, 1969

Gentlemen:

Thanks so much for the January Edition of the M.P. News
The photography is excellent covering the Boxing matches.

Sincerely Yours

Signed

Frank Murray

Secretary of State.

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Albert Calflooking, Editor

M.P. News

February 6, 1969

Dear Sir:

Because I am currently serving as assistant Editor of the Columbia Falls High School "Cat Paw" school newspaper, I was particularly interested in the MSP Print Shop during a recent tour through the prison.

I was fortunate in obtaining a December Issue of the MP News from a fellow student and I would like to compliment you and your staff on a publication which is both enlightening and eye-opening. Please accept my praise for a tremendous paper.

It was with great delight that I learned I could purchase a personal subscription to the M.P. News. Please keep up your great work and best wishes for the future.

Respectfully yours

John W. Wulf, Student

Columbia Falls High School

P.S. I will be anxiously awaiting my first issue.

M.P. News

Great Falls, Montana 59 401

Dear Sirs:

January 7, 1969

Enclosed please find a money order for two dollars for a subscription to our favorite magazine. We like the jokes and poems and the good articles in your magazine. Many of these articles could apply to everybody.

Good Luck and Best Wishes.

Very truly yours,

Signed:

Vera L. Praast

What Kind of Society

by E. R. Williamson

Has our society become a crime-and-punishment oriented society? The signposts would indicate that it has. While there are those who abhor criminal activity and its antecedent rationale, there are many, on the other hand, who are not abhorred by crime or punishment and who now accept these things as an outward manifestation of the libertarian ideals that have become commonplace.

Like begets like. This process is a law of nature. A particular type of crime is committed. It is publicized--nay, sensationalized--again and again and again. It becomes a familiar pattern of human behavior (or misbehavior). The account of crime is read and becomes an item of reference in the subconscious mind. If not refected the item of reference takes root, only to be acted out at some future time. Alexander Pope's observation about vice is not merely fancy--it is solid fact:

Vice is a monster of so frightful mien,
As to be hated needs but to be seen;
Yet seen too oft, familiar with her face,
We first endure, then pity, then embrace.

The pattern of enduring-pitying-embracing is not applicable to vice alone. It is applicable also to the face of the programs approved by society for teaching its wayward children that crime does not pay.

The ignominy of the past that attached to problems of crime and punishment has now been superseded by a quasi-respectability concerning these problems. Today, crime is big business. So is law enforcement. And prison operation.

Millions of lives are affected by crime. Millions of lives are dependent upon the operation of America's penal institutions. Whereas in years gone by custody was the sole concern of prison employees, obviating the use of highly skilled technicians and professional-type personnel, the overall picture has changed considerably today. The educator, sociologist, psychologist, psychiatrist, administrator, dietitian, vocational training instructor, and other kinds of skilled and professional

workers are a part of the prison picture. The result is that prison employment has taken on an entirely different color in the national economy. Salary-wise, prison work is keeping pace with national averages paid for skilled and semi-skilled labor, at least on the federal prison level.

Despite this changed picture, however, and despite the aura of respectability, that today attaches to prison employment, the sad fact remains that penal servitude is what it has always been--namely, a dismal experience for the prisoner, an experience that results more often than not in failure for him. The introduction of professional-type workers and goal-oriented programs has not diminished the fact of penal servitude.

Why?

Simply because, from the prisoner's viewpoint, punishment and rehabilitation are divergent courses. One cannot travel in two directions at the same time. Yet this is expected of the prisoner. Through some form of magic he is supposed to combine punishment and rehabilitation, a combination that is neither possible nor desirable. I use the term rehabilitation because of its popularity, not because of its appropriateness. It is a term which leaves a bad taste in the mouths of many prisoners. It is popularly believed that rehabilitation is a result of punishment. But what is meant by rehabilitation? The thought and word form is vague.

Prisoners do not, can not, rehabilitate by virtue of the very nature of imprisonment, which is to confine and regiment and restrict, if by rehabilitate society means learning how to live in obedience to the laws of the land. Despite the emerging professionalism in matters penological, the barren wasteland of punitive regimentation is as ineffective to rehabilitate prisoners as are moonbeams to melt rivers of ice.

As a word, rehabilitation has only become more offensive with the offenders who commit new crimes. Standing before a trial judge, repeaters have been upbraided time and time again. "You've been in prison before, so this court is going to send you back for a longer time in which to rehabilitate," is an oft-heard pronouncement.

On the other hand, the men in prison, who would hope for self-renewal in order to get off the treadmill of failure, is given an opposite reason by the establishment for imprisonment: "Our primary concern is your

custody, not your rehabilitation," or words to that effect.

To compound a penalty, and to label an offender a hopeless case because of prior servitude, is to add salt to the wound. Even worse, it is to presume that prisons are places of healing-which they are not. Why then should a prison record be held against a man charged with committing a new offense? If anything, a prior prison record ought to be a mitigating circumstance at the time of sentencing. Were prisons ever to become routine places of healing, as hospitals are, then a trial judge (and society) very properly ought to hold prior servitude against an offender who willfully runs afoul of the law again. But until that time arrives, the criminal offender who commits a new offense should not be taken to task for doing what imprisonment failed to correct, any more than a pathologically diseased person should be taken to task for having a relapse of the disease that hospitalization failed to heal.

People in conflict with the law need help-not punishment. Just as fever or swelling will be a warning signal that the physical body needs help, so is misbehavior an indication that the human mind needs help. Not all prisoners are of the mad-dog type. The great majority of prisoners are situational offenders, non-violent by nature, and not hardened, hopeless cases. What would society think of hospitals that rejected patients they couldn't cure? Happily, hospitals don't do such a thing. Instead, they will keep probing and searching and working with their patients until the predisposing causes are uncovered and effective treatment rendered. Should the penal system have a different reason for being than that of healing? It is dealing with a kind of sickness, too. And doesn't the taxpayer support the penal system as much for curing as for punishing the offender?

Right here I am going to make a statement that may startle some of the readers of this magazine. The traditional prison should be abolished! To do so would not pose a threat to the peace and well-being of society. On the contrary, this radical step would surely remove the present threat to society's well-being brought about through the crime-and-punishment rationale.

In place of the traditional prison there should be established for the offenders who want to become regenerated a totally different facility-such as a treatment

center—that is devoid of any vestige of penal servitude. Even the name of such a facility should be free from any stigmatizing effect. (Who really feels comfortable in the presence of one who says, "I was just released from prison"? Who would feel uncomfortable in the presence of one who says, "I recently spent some time in a treatment center"? There is at once a dissimilar connotation between these two terms.)

To take care of the minority of offenders who are vicious and unresponsive to treatment, isolation centers (identified as such) would surely be a step in the right direction. This would make possible a separating of the wheat (the amenable offender) from the chaff (the reprehensible offender), something that is not presently possible vis-a-vis the penal institution that houses all types of offenders under its roof.

When the time arrives in which offenders of the law are helped and healed, rather than confined and regimented, then it may be said that ours no longer is a crime-and-punishment oriented society. The time was never more urgent, nor the opportunities greater, for deciding what kind of society ours should be—whether one of ineptitude or one of progress.

—The New Era



"Here's your dime, Dad. I found it."

LETTERS-2- RICHARD

Charles

Dear Rhubarb:

Is it true that a horse is afraid of a bear?

Farmer

Dear farmer:

It all depends on what kind of a bear.

Dear Rhubarb:

Where was the Hudson Bay discovered?

History

Dear History:

Wherever the discoverer, Hudson, found it.

Dear Rhubarb:

Is a bigamist guilty of having two wives?

Guilty

Dear Guilty:

No, only in the case if one of the two wives finds out about the other.

Dear Rhubarb:

If I hired a maid, could I use her as a tax deduction?

Rich

Dear Rich:

It depends on whether she is qualified for such work.

Dear Rhubarb:

My brother is getting married. What kind of wedding card would be appropriate?

Brother

Dear Brother:

Send him a sympathy card.

How To Plan A Camping Trip

A F Charlo

Here we are, going on a camping trip; and we'll need some kind of equipment and food. We'll need a gun, fishing hooks, a guide, and some bubble gum.

We could do without the food, but the bubble gum is an essential item. Who ever heard of people going on a camping trip without a sack of bubble gum? The amateur would forget the bubble gum; however, the pro would never have a camping trip ruined by forgetting it.

Oh yes, the sleeping bag! This problem would be solved by leaving her home and picking up a well-stocked redhead somewhere.

Do people believe a gun should be taken on the camping trip? Do they? Well, do they? If people believe that the gun should be taken on the trip--then by all means it should be taken!

Hey! Matches! Don't forget the matches. Matches are very important--especially for men who like matches on the camping trip. These matches could be any girl from the neat brunette to the beautiful blonde; they will not only provide warmth, but they will also cook the food.

Some people like a hunting knife on the camping trip and some don't. This is up to the individual. If people feel they will not do any hunting on the trip, the hunting knife could be omitted from the equipment. But, if people feel the camping location will be suitable for poaching, then the hunting knife, by all means, should be with the camping equipment.

The compass! Oh, yeah, the compass should be taken along in case the thermos bottle of coffee or whiskey is lost.

After having all camping essentials readied, the weather and insects should be considered. People could bribe the weatherman for the particular weather that they should desire on the camping trip. Insects, as we know, always make a camping trip miserable. This simple hinderance could be overcome if the people would take along some crumbs for the insects. Any insect would be extremely happy to accept these crumbs--especially the foxy, old ant.

The guide, who was not mentioned in this theme, only carries the fishing hooks. That is, if the people should decide to go where there is deep water for fishing.

So you see, planning a camping trip is more fun than actually camping.



Life, Liberty And The Pursuit Of Happiness!!



FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH

When Thomas Jefferson wrote the draft of the Declaration of Independence, he put in the words "All men are created equal." Just what do these words mean? In the past a great deal has been written about this question, and it has been argued long and hard for thousands of days and nights since 1776. Naturally, if you just look at people, you can see that they are not "created equal;" they all have different facial characteristics and body structures, different ideas, incarcerated or not - so, apparently this isn't what Jefferson meant. Most textbooks and professors now say that "All men are created equal" means this: no matter who a man is, what he has done, or where he is, he is just as good as anybody else and shouldn't have to fight against a handicap all his life. Nobody should spend his life pounding against locked doors just because his parents couldn't afford him spending money, to buy him fine clothes, or send him to expensive schools. What Jefferson had in mind was the difference between the common people and the noblemen of his time. His idea was that it shouldn't matter; whether you were born on an Indian reservation, in a slum area, or in a castle.

(mutt!)

More Control

EDITOR'S NOTE: This article was taken from the Missoulian editorial page in December, being precise and to the point, we thought that it would be of paramount interest to the subscribers' to this magazine.

Freedom of the press should be controlled by the government, as the freedom of the citizen is controlled by the news media. I never realized before what lies, distortion of truth and half-stories the press publishes.

The newspaper condemns, convicts and sentences a victim before he has a chance to prove his innocence or even speak in his own defense. Is this right? Is this freedom of speech?

Also, the police pronounced on one who was not at the scene. The other victim was caught in a web of circumstantial evidence. Will they sit on their haunches instead of looking for the guilty men? The stories they told are doubted, too.

As for the three so-called Christians in Pine Grove, I want to tell them they never know either when tragedy will strike and Christ did not kick a man when he was down. He lifted him up. We also answer by the deeds we do.

So let's make this world a little better place by helping instead of causing more grief and giving men a chance to prove their innocence before condemning them.

-Marva Mackie Helena, Montana

Examination Results

On February 7, 1969, Mr. Bill Branson of the State of Montana Industrial Accident Board was here to conduct examination's for licenseing of Stationary Engineer's.

The below listed men and previously held 3rd Class licenses and sucessfully passed and up-graded themselves to holders of 2nd Class licenses.

Fred Schneider - #21 145; Vern Foffine - #16 625.

The below listed men also have taken the examination and are now holders of 3rd Class licenses.

Earl Stevens # 15 449; Frank Roberts # 21 263; William Davis # 22 318; Herman Felke # 20 317; Gordon Perkins #22 301. Chief Engineer Joseph A. Vanisko.

THE PAGE

The other night a fellow left, and
he was a real friend of mine.
And sometimes at night when
I'm thinking about things,
I wonder where he's gone
And if he's coming back,
And what it's like out there!

-Glen Lagerquist

The GLASS

I love the way you gaze at me;
Your admiration's plain to see;
And this, I must confess, is true:
I thrill as much when I see you.

Aesthetic love like ours ascends
To heights that no one comprehends.
Your love for me cannot surpass
My love for you dear Looking Glass.



The Life of A Convict

THE LIFE OF A CONVICT IS A LONELY ONE,

IT IS BECAUSE----

THERE IS ONLY WAITING, HIS LIFE IS BE TIED OF FUN.

MOST OF HIS TIME IS LONELY:

A LONELY PERSON WHO WORRIES OF HIS FAMILY

AND AT NIGHT HE WAITS FOR A FAMILY LETTER.

BUT WHEN THE GUARD WALKS BY WITHOUT LEAVING ONE,

HE FEELS HIS LOVED ONES HAVE FORGOTTEN HIM---

A FORGOTTEN CONVICT IN A CELL---

ALL ALONE.

HE WONDER'S WHY THEY DON'T TAKE THE TIME

TO SIT THEMSELVES DOWN AND WRITE A LINE.

HE BELIEVES HE KNOWS WHY THEY DON'T DO THIS,

BECAUSE HE IS A CONVICT

WHO NO ONE DOES MISS.

BUT STILL ---

HE NEVER GIVES UP HOPE-THAT SOON SOMEONE WILL WRITE:

THIS IS HIS REASON - HE WAITS BOTH DAY AND NIGHT

Kitty Korner - Con't.

again. By the way "Nuts" howz cum you're crocheting these Baby booties? Any special occasion? Smile?

Pat, you really have us confused with you "green" frosting - for awhile there, i thought I missed out on St. Pat's Day. Smile! Hey! I'm not being "Catty" but can you tell us how Custer felt? Pat! Clue us in some time. Not with all those "pots and pans" you got stashed away for us.

Before I sign off for this boring round. "Mr. Ed." "Us gals over here want to kno', 'HY? Such a Fluffy lookin' "kitten?" Hope, you don't picture us lookin' like that. I hear not so long ago they thought, we were lookin' "pleasingly plump" and not so "scrawny." I do realize there's times we look pitiful, but "Mr. Ed." give us a break, huh? So, much for this time. We'll try and be on time next time. (Promises! Promises!)

Happy Valentines Day to all of you, from your "nice Neighbors" across the street.

P.S. "Mr. Ed." Please excuse all my mistakes, as you may have noticed I'm not to hot on this typing jazz. Ch yes! we just got another addition to our lil' family, now we are back to 5 again, didn't kno' I could count, did Ye? Smile! (NO? I didn't -Ed.)

EDITOR'S NOTE: "Sorry bout' that." I mean, I thought that cat looked real "cool" sitting in the corner all by his lonesome, but I didn't mean to be disrespectful or slight you all in the least - but the next issue will show a "fat cat" hoz zat? Bcy! everybody knocks this poor ole' Editor. Your PAGE will be changed in the March Edition of this "rag." You kno' it pays to be "slim an trim" - I squeezed your article in this Issue - even tho' you were a couple weeks late. You all are doin' a magnificent job in helping us to make this "rag" a better publication, so keep up the good work(mutt)

During a discussion on the like Doug's T.V. Show, Actress Patty Duke was asked to comment on sex education in the schools.

She unhesitatingly responded, "I think it's a wonderful idea, but I don't think the kids should be given homework."

-The Sagebrush, Carson City Nevada.

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